

SC HIGHER EDUCATION MISSION AND GOALS AND INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENTS

In 1996, with the passage of Act 359, the General Assembly provided direction as to the mission and goals for higher education in the state. The provisions in state code for the mission for public higher education and each sector of higher education is excerpted below and followed by links to each of the 33 institutional mission statements.

Per section 59-103-15 of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, as amended,

The General Assembly has determined that the mission for higher education in South Carolina is to be a global leader in providing a coordinated, comprehensive system of excellence in education by providing instruction, research, and life-long learning opportunities which are focused on economic development and benefit the State of South Carolina. The goals to be achieved through this mission are:

- *high academic quality;*
- *affordable and accessible education;*
- *instructional excellence;*
- *coordination and cooperation with public education;*
- *cooperation among the General Assembly, Commission on Higher Education, Council of Presidents of State Institutions, institutions of higher learning, and the business community;*
- *economic growth;*
- *clearly defined missions.*

The General Assembly has determined that the primary mission or focus for each type of institution of higher learning or other post-secondary school in this State is as follows:

Research institutions

- college-level baccalaureate education, master's, professional, and doctor of philosophy degrees which lead to continued education or employment;
- research through the use of government, corporate, nonprofit-organization grants, or state resources, or both;
- public service to the State and the local community;

Four-year colleges and universities

- college-level baccalaureate education and selected master's degrees which lead to employment or continued education, or both, except for doctoral degrees currently being offered;
- limited and specialized research;
- public service to the State and the local community;

Two-year institutions - branches of the University of South Carolina

- college-level pre-baccalaureate education necessary to confer associates' degrees which lead to continued education at a four-year or research institution;
- public service to the State and the local community;

State technical and comprehensive education system

- all post-secondary vocational, technical, and occupational diploma and associate degree programs leading directly to employment or maintenance of employment and associate degree programs which enable students to gain access to other post-secondary education;
- up-to-date and appropriate occupational and technical training for adults;
- special school programs that provide training for prospective employees for prospective and existing industry in order to enhance the economic development of South Carolina;
- public service to the State and the local community;
- continue to remain technical, vocational, or occupational colleges with a mission as stated above and primarily focused on technical education and the economic development of the State.

Institutional Mission Statements

Each institution currently has a Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved mission statement, as required by State Code §59-103-45(6) and measured through the Performance Funding Indicator , *IC – Approval of Mission Statement*. Revised statements are reviewed by the CHE for approval as they are submitted by the institutions. Each institution’s mission statement, as approved by the CHE, can be accessed through the web pages listed below or through the CHE’s web site at <http://www.che.sc.gov> by selecting “Performance Funding” and then “Mission Statements” under the heading “Performance Data.”

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Clemson University	http://www.clemson.edu/welcome/quickly/mission/
University of South Carolina- Columbia Campus	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/factbook/2005/columbia/colamiss.htm
University System	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/factbook/2005/university/uscms.htm
Medical University of South Carolina	http://www.edserv.musc.edu/musc_mission

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Citadel	http://www.citadel.edu/academicaffairs/mission.html
Coastal Carolina University	http://www.coastal.edu/about/mission.html
College of Charleston	http://www.cofc.edu/about/mission.html
Francis Marion University	http://www.fmarion.edu/about/-1999995947/-1999978666.htm
Lander University	http://www.lander.edu/mission.html
South Carolina State University	http://www.scsu.edu/aboutscsu/mission.htm
USC Aiken	http://www.usca.edu/aboutusca/mission.html
USC Beaufort	http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/about/mission.shtml
USC Upstate	http://www.uscupstate.edu/about_upstate/facts.asp
Winthrop University	http://www.winthrop.edu/president/mission.htm

REGIONAL CAMPUSES

USC Lancaster	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/mission/lancaster_ms.htm
USC Salkehatchie	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/mission/salkehatchie_ms.htm
USC Sumter	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/mission/sumter_ms.htm
USC Union	http://kudzu.ipr.sc.edu/mission/union_ms.htm

STATE TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Aiken Tech	http://www.aik.tec.sc.us/thecollege_vision.htm
Central Carolina Tech	http://www.cctech.edu/about/mission.asp
Denmark Tech	http://www.denmarktech.edu/mission.htm
Florence-Darlington Tech	http://www.fdtc.edu
Greenville Tech	http://www.greenvilletech.com/about_the_college/mission.shtml
Horry-Georgetown Tech	http://www.hgtc.edu/welcome/mission.htm
Midlands Tech	http://www.midlandstech.com/mission.htm
Northeastern Tech	http://www.netc.edu/GeneralInfo1.html
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech	http://www.hgtc.edu/ir/iereports.htm http://www.octech.org/about/aboutOCTC.html
Piedmont Tech	http://ptc.edu/about_ptc/mission.htm
Spartanburg Tech	http://www.stcsc.edu/mission.asp
Technical College of the Low Country	http://tclonline.org/mission.asp
Tri-County Tech	http://www.tctc.edu/visitors_media/college_information/mission.html
Trident Tech	http://www.tridenttech.edu/mission.html
Williamsburg Tech	http://www.williamsburgtech.com/mission.htm
York Tech	http://www.yorktech.com/collegeinfo.asp